

**EFFICIENT ALGORITHM TO OPTIMIZE BUFFERS IN
MINIMIZING FIXES**

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method for optimizing buffers in an integrated circuit design. The method
includes identifying paths and nodes within the integrated circuit design, determining
node overlap within the integrated circuit design, calculating possible solutions for
addressing timing violations within the integrated circuit design, choosing a solution
for addressing timing violations, inserting buffers at particular nodes of the integrated
10 circuit design, and repeating the calculated possible solutions wherein choosing a
solution and inserting buffers at particular nodes to address timing violations are
within the integrated circuit design.